Government have on several occasions reiterated India's commitment to establishing good neighbourly ties with Pakistan, and for this purpose to resume the Composite Dialogue that seeks to build trust and confidence, establish a stable structure of cooperation and address outstanding issues. Government are of the view that narrow, segmented or unifocal approaches to India-Pakistan relations will not contribute to the establishment of good neighbourly ties with Pakistan. Pakistan must end its sponsorship of cross border terrorism in India, so that a conducive environment for the resumption of dialogue can be created.

**Indians killed in New York and Washington attacks**

506.SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY:
SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA:
DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO:
SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:
DR. MANMOHAN SINGH:
DR. KARAN SINGH:
SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM:
SHRI AHMED PATEL:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Indians and NRIs killed and seriously injured in New York and Washington due to WTC and Pentagon strikes in USA by terrorists indicating their names and profession;

(b) the number of Indians still missing and the steps being taken to locate them;

(c) whether the USA Government is providing necessary compensation/ financial help to the families of the Indians so killed and injured; and

(d) whether Government are also providing similar help to them in USA, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) and (b) There has been no report of any loss of life or serious injury to any Indian (NRI/PIO) in Washington. As per reports filed with the New York City authorities, 107 persons of Indian origin are missing and presumed dead as a result of the attacks on World Trade Centre, New York on 11th Sept., 2001. No list of Indians killed in the attacks is available since most of them are classified as missing. Most of these persons worked as professionals in the corporate sector and financial companies. 77 persons of Indian origin were admitted in local hospitals and released after being treated for injuries.

The Consulate General of India, New York remains in touch with the New York city authorities for any further information regarding the missing persons. Relatives of victims have been encouraged to submit DNA samples to the City authorities for identification of remains.

(c) As per available information, the US Government is only providing unemployment benefits to the next of kin of the victims of the attacks.

(d) Government of India provided every possible assistance in tracing missing Indians (NRIs/PIOs) by operating 24 hour help-lines at CGI, New York and Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi, and liaised closely with the New York city authorities. Arrangements have been made with Air India, Indian Airlines and Indian Railways for free transportation of mortal remains of the victims of these attacks from New York to their destinations in India.

**Plans of Jehadi Organisations**

507. SHRI LAJPAT RAI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that all Jehadi Organisations within and outside the Pakistan Afghan Defence Council have informed Government agencies about their plans and the Pakistan Government has lauded the plans; and

(b) if so, the steps Government have taken or propose to take at diplomatic level and otherwise in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) and (b) The Defence of Pakistan and Afghanistan Council, a grouping of religious and fundamentalist parties of Pakistan, has been publicly indicating their intention to conduct strikes and rallies throughout Pakistan, in protest against the international campaign against terrorism.

Pakistan must realize that its continued sponsorship of cross border terrorism, and of groups that practice violent and obscurantist ideologies, will eventually threaten Pakistan's own internal stability. Pakistan must end its sponsorship of cross border terrorism in India.

Government will continue to effectively and appropriately bring to the attention of the international community facts pertaining to Pakistan's continued sponsorship of cross border terrorism. India shall also continue to play a leading role in developing the widespread international consensus against terrorism that has understood that there can be no justification for terrorism, and that it